Surrender by Terrorists

2151. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of Pakistan trained terrorists surrendered together with arms so far in Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir in response to the peace offer made by the Government during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): On the basis of available information 473 Pakistan trained terrorists had surrendered in Jammu & Kashmir, during 1990 and 1991 (upto 6-8-91) alongwith arms and ammunition. No such surrenders have taken place in Punjab.

[*Translation*]

Regional Passports Office at Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh

2152. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of passports issued by Bareilly Passport Office during the last three years; year-wise;

(b) the time generally taken for issuing a passport in that office;

(c) the total number of passport applications pending in that office for more than ninety days;

(d) whether there were any irregularities in the issuance of passport in that office during the last two years;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the action taken thereon;

(g) whether passports were issued by that office to such persons who were not even citizens of India; and

(h) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Total number of passports issued yearwise from the Passport Office, Bareilly during the last three years were as under:

Year 1988 – 53,587

Year 1989 58,543

Year 1990—43,432

(b) 65 days

(c) 6716 as on 31-7-1991

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Following major irregularities in issuance of passports have been noticed so far:

(i) a number of passports have been issued on out of turn basis without placing on record any proof of urgency or recording speaking orders in contravention of standing instructions;

(ii) several cases were marked as 'DATE CASES' for delivery of passports at counter without any proof of urgency;

(iii) Passports have been issued even in those cases where passport applications were incomplete;

(iv) In some cases passports were issued despite adverse police reports;

(v) Passports were issued on the basis of doubtful certificates of verification;

(vi) Passports delivered to third parties

(f) Appropriate follow up action in the matter has been taken, including suspension of Passport Officer as well as a UDC in that office, besides transferring an LDC to another station.

(g) and (h) So far, no such specific instance has come to notice.